GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2008
SUBSIDY ON FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy being provided presently on the foodgrains in the country;

(b) the percentage of its increase during the last three years; and

(c) the quantity of subsidised foodgrains released from the central pool during the above period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.03.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The amount of food subsidy provided during the financial year 2007-08 (Budget Estimates) is Rs. 25424.89 crore.

(b): The amount of food subsidy released during the last three years and Budget Estimates of current year alongwith its percentage increase is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Food subsidy	% increase over last year
2004-05	25746.45	
2005-06	23071.00	(-) 10.39
2006-07	23827.59	3.28
2007-08(BE)	25424.89	6.70

(c): The quantity of subsidised rice and wheat lifted from the Central Pool during the years 2004-05 to 2006-07, State-wise, are at Annexure-I & II.